

# NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

## PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2013

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Chair Dr. Dawn Hall Apgar.

### II. ROLL CALL

#### Present:

Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW  
Elizabeth Bowman, MSS, LCSW  
Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW  
Michelle Borden, MSW, LCSW, CSWM, DRCC  
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq. (arrived at 11:29 a.m.)  
Caroline Bradley, Ph.D., LCSW, LMFT, LCADC

#### Also attending:

Jodi Krugman, Deputy Attorney General  
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director  
Michela Ross, Government Rep  
Theresa Brundage, Administrative Staff

### Announcement of Quorum

Chair Dr. Dawn Hall Apgar announced that quorum existed for the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post.

### III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

#### A. April 10, 2013 Public Minutes

*Ms. Braun Scalera moved that the minutes of the April 10, 2013 meeting be approved Ms. Bowman seconded. Voting in favor: all.*

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director, J. Michael Walker informed the Board that LSW applications continue to come in but Board staff is currently waiting for confirmation of graduation.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the Public in attendance:

- A. **Karun K. Singh, Rutgers Social Work** - Mr. Singh inquired as to the status of the Board's March 2013 minutes and requested hard copies of approved minutes to be provided to the Public at the Board's next meeting
- B. **Doug Behan, Rutgers Social Work** - see below item "E" under "Correspondence"
- C. **Jason Bird, Rutgers School of Social Work, Assistant Professor** - no comment
- D. **Richard Blake, Seton Hall University** - no comment
- E. **Mary Myers-Pasquino, MSW** - applicant inquiring as to the status of her application.
- F. **Mary Jean Weston, Assistant Executive Director, NASW-NJ** - see below item "D" under "Correspondence"
- G. **Walter X. Kalman, Executive Director, NASW-NJ** - see below item "D" under "Correspondence"

**VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS**

*None to review.*

**VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE**

*Upon motion made by Dr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board voted to approve the following candidates as qualified in their category based on review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute and Regulations and subject to review in the cases of pending criminal history background checks.*

*Voting in favor: all.*

**LCSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

Jennifer M. DelPesce  
Patricia Rodriguez

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Rachel E. Birmingham  
Dorothy Coffey  
Jessica L. Cofone

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Lorette A. Cristino  
Sarah Del Vecchio  
Carolyn Faust Piro  
Tiffany A. Francis  
Heather A. Gachko  
Jennifer M. Giovinazzi  
Stephanie S. Hernandez  
Brandyce A. Lombardo  
Monica A. Mangual  
Mindy Staum

**LSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

Robin L. Bernstein  
Rena S. Brandeis  
Abby M. Colen  
Jillian K. Conosovoy  
Robert Gauthier  
Jennifer R. Heffernan  
Jermayne K. Hill  
Shawna M. Hinkson  
Maryann  
Hom  
Deborah L. Horan  
Tova Horowicz  
Elizabeth Jurczak  
Jennifer A. Kildea  
Sherri I. Krupnik  
Pete Maclearie  
Victoria A. Murray  
Gregory C. Potter  
Barbara L. Quinn  
Suzannah K. Rosenberg  
Anna M. Strain  
Mable Thevaruzahil

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Roxanne C. Blake  
Serena C. Cucco  
Michelle DeAmorin  
Dolores A. DeGiacomo  
Lisa B. Epstein

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Scarlet M. Gorton  
Toni M. Gramigna  
Juliet K. Hughes  
Roni B. Issacson  
Alexa J. Katz  
Amy B. Lipsey  
Malia L. Lyes  
Sherri I. Krupmik  
Natalia I. Martinez  
Katelyn E. McCartty  
Eliza G. McLaughlin  
Jessica E. Mora  
Jesse C. Palermo  
Lisa Porcello  
Erica J. Porter  
Barbara L. Quinn  
Lisa M. Rapp  
Meredith E. Reedy  
Maria J. Reuter  
Odeiry A. Rosario  
Allyson L. Rotunno  
Margaret D. Sandiford  
Miri Shein  
Michal D. Shenkman  
Douglas Tiburcio  
Meghan D. Zarnick

**CSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

Daniel A. Castillo  
Delsy Castro  
Cara A. Cocuzza  
Molly A. Cullerton  
Tena E. Fernandez  
Britney C. Jasper  
Siby J. Mathew  
Sherri L. Moore-Scotto  
Natalie Sheridan

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

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Samantha M. Buddle  
Manbel G. Corpus  
Clairecine E. Delne  
Erica L. Dmochowski  
Dina E. Forvour  
Malesha E. Gollcharran  
Jessica L. Hoffman  
Emilie L. Mankoft  
Ingrid D. Nahum  
Ifroma E. Nwachukwu  
Alyssa N. Pollio  
Maria D. Prieto  
Nicole T. Salib  
Marci J. Stankiewicz  
Lucila Valentin  
Roy B. Walker  
Christina R. Walton  
Noelle M. Woodard

## **VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION**

### **A. Vote on recommendation**

*Upon motion by Dr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board voted to accept the presented CE courses: Gero Psych Nursing Associates, Multi-Cultural Counseling and Testing Center, and The NJ Coalition for Battered Women. The following need more information: Trinitas Regional Medical Center. The following was not approved: Little Hill - Alina Lodge, Zen Garland. Voting in favor: all*

## **IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. JoAnn R. Coe Regan, Ph.D., MSW, Council on Social Work Education** - The Board reviewed Ms. Coe Regan's April 26, 2013 letter verifying the accreditation of Rutgers' University online MSW degree. *The Board accepted this as informational.*

**B. Brianne Bendit, LSW** - The Board reviewed Ms. Bendit's April 18, 2013 letter requesting an extension to complete the additional hours she needs in order to be eligible for her LCSW license. *Upon motion by Mr. St. Onge, seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board voted to grant Ms. Bendit the requested 10 month extension. Voting in favor: all. Both Ms. Bowman and Ms. Braun Scalera were recused due to Ms. Bowman had a work*

*conflict and Ms. Braun Scalera had Ms. Bendit as a student.*

**C. Dennis Cerami, Director of the Office of Human Resources of Middlesex County** - The Board reviewed Mr. Cerami's April 23, 2013 letter requesting an official opinion from the Board of Social Work Examiners regarding hiring and the NJ Civil Service Commission's position of Licensure requirements for psychiatric social workers for the Raritan Bay Mental Health Center. *Upon motion by Ms. Bowman, seconded by Ms. Borden the Board voted to inform Mr. Cerami that it appreciates the concerns he is raising but they are bound by N.J.S.A 45:15BB-5(f) and has no power to change it. Voting in favor: all.*

**D. Walter X. Kalman, LSW, Executive Director of NASW-NJ** - The Board reviewed Mr. Kalman's March 27, 2013 letter and application for the Board's approval to serve as a Continuing Education Approval Entity under the Board of Social Work Examiners' recently adopted regulations N.J.A.C 13:44G-6.7. The collaborative will begin reviewing applications September 1, 2013 and the Board will cease to accept new applications for CE courses at that time. *Upon motion by Ms. Borden, seconded by Dr. Bradley, the Board voted to approve the proposed collaborative as a Continuing Education Approval Entity. Voting in favor: all.*

**E. Doug Behan, LCSW, Director of Continuing Education, Rutgers University** - The Board reviewed Mr. Behan's April 10, 2013 email in response to Executive Director Walker's email regarding continuing education credit for the SIFI. *Upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board voted to inform Mr. Behan that the Seminar in Field Instruction (SIFI) is not approved for the 20 hour supervision course pursuant to N.J.A.C 13:44G-8.1 and informed Mr. Behan to make that clear on all CE materials. The course is approved for continuing education, however.*

**F. Dwight J. Hyman, LCSW, ACSW, Deputy Director of ASWB** - The Board reviewed Mr. Hyman's April 1, 2013 letter concerning the new book, "Contemporary Clinical Social Work Supervision: A Mentoring Monitoring Model." *Ms. Braun Scalera volunteered to review the new edition of this book and report back to the Board for final vote. Executive Director, Walker will contact Mr. Hyman to get a copy of the practice test and book materials to be sent to Ms. Braun Scalera for review.*

**G. Pennsylvania Society for Clinical Social Work (PSCSW)** - The Board reviewed the March 25, 2013 letter from Mr. Ned G. Hanover, LCSW, member-at-large of PSCSW inquiring if their program meets the standards to be offered for NJ continuing education credits. *Upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Ms. Borden, the*

*Board voted to inform Mr. Hanover that they are approved by the Board because they are approved by a sister state pursuant to N.J.A.C 13:44G-6.4( c)10*

**X. MEETING DATES FOR 2013**

*please note: all meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m.*

June 12, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL (Board Member Elizabeth Bowman will not be attending this meeting)

July 10, 2013- Sussex Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

August 14, 2013- Sussex Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

September 11, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

October 9, 2013- Sussex Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

November 13, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

December 11, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Public session closed at 11:16 a.m. and the Board moved to executive session in a motion by Ms. Bowman, with Ms. Braun Scalera seconding. The Board re-entered public session at 2:28 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW  
Chair